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Rumours rife about the next Governor

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Sivian's name was mentioned in the list of candidates for the post of Governor of the West Bank, now that Asher's arrest on suspicion of fraud, is definitely out of the running.

Some observers say that Sivian's chances have diminished because he is allegedly considered to be the source of the report concerning his own possible appointment. According to these observers, the strongest candidate for Gavni's job is David Vianshal, at present director-general of the Housing Ministry.

Jewish protesters taken away by Moscow police

— Soviet police yesterday took a sit-in protest at a reception office by about 100 Jewish protesters, seeking to emigrate to Israel.

Protesters, outnumbered by police, were driven off in trucks soon after the reception office was closed. It was not known whether they were taken to the Soviet Union.

1% jump in price index seen till end of year

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
The Consumer Price Index is expected to rise by four to five percent every month in the next three months, according to a study by the Ministry of Finance.

This year will be only 34 percent. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said recently that the figure will be 35 percent. This latest study by economists thus puts the figure much higher.

Seven more questioned on Yadlin

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fraud squad investigators yesterday questioned seven new individuals whom they hope could shed more light on commercial and land transactions involving Asher Yadlin and Kupat Holim.

While police are unwilling to comment on the progress of the case, the frequency of appeals made to several individuals to turn state's witness points to difficulties in establishing a solid case against suspects now in their hands.

Cholera case in Nablus

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A case of cholera was reported yesterday in Nablus, the Health Ministry announced. The patient, a 45-year-old man, was hospitalized in Nablus and his condition was reported as "good."

Carter ads show him with Dinitz

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Democratic presidential campaign committee has placed advertisements in several American Jewish newspapers this week featuring a photograph of candidate Jimmy Carter and Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

Last week, the President Ford campaign committee placed advertisements in American Jewish weeklies highlighting a picture of Ford and Israel Prime Minister Rabin, and a recent statement by Rabin that U.S.-Israel relations were currently very good.

K to Dinitz: No trouble on UNEF mandate

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger late yesterday assured Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz that he would take action to ensure there would be no complications in the renewal by the Security Council today of the UNEF mandate in Sinai.

Cairo's move was seen as an attempt to preempt Syria when the UNDOF renewal comes up in the spring. It is being linked by observers with Egypt's request for a Security Council discussion next week of Israel's "repressive measures" in the administered areas.

Hebron youths charged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seventy-four Arab youths were charged at the military court in Hebron yesterday with having desecrated the Machpela Cave on the eve of Yom Kippur. They were charged with having staged a riot during which they stormed the synagogue section of the Cave, tore Torah scrolls and other religious artifacts, smashed furniture and desecrated the shrine.

The prosecution said yesterday that a number of Kibbutz Arba settlers were also due to be charged at a Beersheba civil court.

Growing feeling Israel a military 'burden' U.S. AIR FORCE EXPERT SEEKS TO COUNTER PENTAGON 'TILT'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Dr. Joseph Churba, the top Middle East intelligence expert in the U.S. Air Force who decided this week to speak out against what he charged is a growing "tilt" against Israel in the Defense Department, did so in order to counter the feeling among some elements of the U.S. military that Israel represents a burden on the U.S.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Churba said that the widely-publicized views expressed by Gen. George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, alleging that Israel was a military burden have permeated throughout the Pentagon and should be disproved.

Churba, recently spent 10 months at the National War College preparing an article on the U.S. strategic interests in the Middle East. While the study was based on unclassified information and written "in an academic atmosphere," the Defense Department did not permit its publication.

Yesterday, the Pentagon issued a statement saying that the Churba article "did not receive clearance because it was anticipated that his views might be misconstrued as representing U.S. Government policy."

Churba claims that the article was suppressed for political reasons, pointing out that he would have included the normal disclaimer in the article saying that it did not represent Pentagon views, only his own.

The Pentagon regularly approves publication of unclassified articles written at the National War College and elsewhere. Earlier this year, the prestigious quarterly "Foreign Affairs" published an article calling on Israel to withdraw to the pre-1967 borders, even though it was written by a top Pentagon official. It contained the normal disclaimer.

Churba has not yet been formally notified that the article was not cleared, although he has been asked to withdraw his request for publication. He has also not been informed of the specific reasons why it was not cleared, as required by regulations.

The Pentagon statement said that Churba's remarks published in "The New York Times" on Wednesday "do not reflect the views or the policy of the Air Force or the Department of Defense. He was not acting as an official spokesman for the Air Force or in his capacity as special adviser to the assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, the Air Force."

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Christians rap PLO 'massacres' in south Lebanese truce begins

BEIRUT. — Scattered volleys of machinegun fire in Beirut marked a cease-fire which began yesterday after orders from all major factions fighting in Lebanon's 19-month-old civil war.

"Let us hope these violations are of a minor nature," said the leftists' Beirut radio. "The whole nation is holding its breath to see whether the new peace test leads to salvation." Almost exactly at the 6 a.m. cease-fire hour, a brilliant rainbow arched over the Lebanese capital. "That's a good omen," said an early pedestrian.

The new truce came after three days and nights of heavy shelling between Beirut's Christian and leftist-held Moslem sectors. The Christians claimed more than 1,000 artillery rounds and rockets exploded in their half of the city on Wednesday night.

The Christian command declared an indefinite curfew in the city's Christian half to "help bring about a better application of the cease-fire." The joint central command of the Palestine Liberation Organization and leftists too ordered all schools in the Moslem sector of Beirut closed and banned public gatherings for two days.

Hospital sources in the Moslem half of the city estimated the night's dead at more than 80, bringing the three-day total to more than 300. More than 50 previous cease-fires have collapsed, but the PLO, their Lebanese allies, the commanders of the Christian militias and the Syrians all announced their support for the truce.

The truce was arranged at a weekend meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, of PLO chief Yasser Arafat with the heads of state of Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

There was no word yet on the truce situation in southeast Lebanon where Palestinian and Christian forces have been battling this week for control of towns and villages north of the Israel border.

Christians accused Palestinians of "committing one of the war's most horrifying massacres" after overrunning the Maronite Christian town of Ashiyeh in south Lebanon. The spokesman said 55 Maronites were killed. An Associated Press newsmen who went into Ashiyeh after its capture, counted 30 corpses on both sides of the main street of the village, which is located north of Marjayoun.

The Phalangists said that they have set up a Christian "Army for the Defense of Southern Lebanon" in the vicinity of Marjayoun. The Phalangists said the creation of the new army is aimed at "liberating southern Lebanon from all criminal foreigners." They added that the new force would oppose the revival of any pan-Arab formulas which legitimized the PLO presence in that region. "Arabs who are concerned about the Palestinians should take them to their own territory. We are the masters of our own land," the Phalangists said. (AP)

U.S. team here for F-15 jets

By HERB GOODMAN

A team of top American aviation experts are currently in Israel to help pave the way for the absorption of the first F-15s, due here within a few weeks.

Israel has purchased 25 of the aircraft from the St. Louis-based corporation, two of which will be in the TF, double-seat reconnaissance and training version.

The planes cost an average of \$23m. each, including ground support systems and armaments.

Beersheba woman dies after shuttled to Ashkelon hospital

By HAIM SHAHAM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A Beersheba woman with an advanced diabetic condition died on Wednesday after she was refused treatment at the Beersheba hospital and sent to the alternative hospital in Ashkelon 70 km away.

The Beersheba and Ashkelon hospitals have been alternating in emergency duty for some time because of staff shortages. Since the doctors started their sanctions many urgent cases have been shuttled between the two hospitals.

Esther Revah, 59, a mother of nine, was sent to the diabetes clinic in the Beersheba hospital with a note from her local doctor certifying that her case was urgent. Her husband told The Jerusalem Post that the clerk at the clinic refused to admit his wife for treatment and sent her to the general emergency ward. There, he said, the doctor refused to examine his wife and told her to go to the alternative hospital in Ashkelon. By the time Esther Revah arrived at the Ashkelon hospital she was dead.

Esther Revah's husband said that he had asked the doctor who refused to treat his wife for a note certifying that fact but the doctor — according to Revah — refused to do so.

Several doctors who wished to remain anonymous said that the woman's death may have been caused by the hour-long delay in treatment and the strain of travelling 70 km. They said that the sugar count in Esther Revah's blood — 439 milligrams — was more than four times the amount in a healthy person.

Not all the doctors this reporter talked to were of the same opinion, and some said that Esther Revah may have died from causes not connected with her diabetes. These doctors also explained that one of the reasons that she was not treated at Beersheba was that the note she brought with her from her local (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Important Peking notice tomorrow

An official Peking teletype said yesterday that broadcast "Important news and again on Mou-nouncement was made in a campaign against radical leaders burst onto Peking's streets with massive, organized demonstrations in a carnival-like manner for the Tokyo-News Service which distributes Chinese press carried warnings about Peking television spirals and a front-page communique that was seen as a thinly veiled attack on the powerful Vice Premier Chang Chun-chiao.

From early morning until after dark chanting, banner-waving columns called for the downfall of Madame Mao, Chang, Communist Party vice-chairman Wang Hung-wen, propagandist Yao Wen-yuan.

The so-called "gang of four" reported to be under arrest for plotting a coup d'etat were depicted in crude caricatures as poisonous weeds and snakes. (Reuters)

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Firemen were still battling a blaze which broke out at 11:30 last night at a three-story factory building in Tel Aviv's Be'er Yaakov. No further details were available at press time.

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Yadlin pushed purchase of Hamarveh machines over advisers' objections

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Asher Yadlin in 1973 overrode the objections of his own procurement department and bought automatic prescription-cancelling machines from the Hamarveh company through his treasurer, Meir Kimhi, at what appears to be an inflated price.

The head of the procurement department, Dov Shimon, objected to this procedure but said that he would handle the distribution of the machines in accordance with orders from his superiors.

The entire transaction is reported to be in the neighbourhood of IL10m. Each machine cost Kupa Holim IL4,000 in 1973; it can be acquired now today for approximately IL1,800.

Kupa Holim made the deal with the Hamarveh automatic vending machine company which has close links to Asher Yadlin. Hamarveh bought some of the components from abroad, and other parts had been developed by the company — which gave Kibbutz Ezer Shimon's metal and electric plant the contract for assembling the machines. The contract was for 500 machines, and the job was finished a year ago.

The Kibbutz plant manager, Yehoshua Cohen, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was new at the plant so he did not know anything about the transaction or how much they were paid for each machine. Another Kibbutz member refused to reveal the price.

But he added that there had been talk of forming some sort of partnership with Hamarveh in developing a new type of automatic vending machine. These talks are in a very early stage.

The investors again turned to Yadlin (who did not own shares himself, but his sister Sarah Hani did) and asked for help.

Yadlin put them in contact with the Unico Investment Company, who paid the Cleveland-Israel group IL4,000 for each share. With this money, the group bought an 18-dunam citrus grove (one dunam for each partner).

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'Comptroller should inspect Kupa Holim'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Yosef Tamir, chairman of the State Control Committee in the Knesset, plans to table a motion in committee next Wednesday calling on the State Comptroller to inspect the Haholim's Kupa Holim.

Tamir, of the Likud opposition, feels the request is urgent in view of the Yadlin affair.

He told *The Post* last night that the taxpayers had every right to know what was going on inside Kupa Holim in view of recent developments, and in view of the fact that the fund got IL600m. of tax money this year for current operations alone. He recalled that the Comptroller had been asked, and had agreed, to inspect the Egged bus co-op on the grounds that it was getting public funds.

The decision was taken to move Evron from deputy director-general to a different post when Prof. Shlomo Avineri became director-general earlier this year. There were few posts suitable to an official of his rank. London was one of them.

Originally, Evron was supposed to have relieved the present ambassador, Haim Eshkol, in December 1976. When Rafael, who had been informed of this decision, learned about it from the newspapers, he asked to be allowed to stay on at least until the end of December 1977. After some discussion, it was decided that Rafael should stay in London until April 1977. This would give him a tour of duty of three years and two months.

By coincidence, Evron's replacement of Rafael is a close parallel to Rafael's replacement of Michael Comay, his predecessor in London. Comay, too, had learned only indirectly that he was being replaced, after serving a shorter term than his predecessors.

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Raphael urges union of all religious parties

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin called for the unification of all religious parties at his faction's meeting in Beit Yehoshua yesterday.

The minister said that the religious parties may be in a position to tip the scales between the Alignment and the Likud after the forthcoming Knesset elections. "Orthodox Jewry must organize to take advantage of this historical opportunity to determine the State's character," he said.

The National Religious Party now controls 10 seats in the Knesset, while five are held by the ultra-orthodox Torat Yisrael, a bloc combining Agudat Yisrael and Poalei Agudat Yisrael.

Rabin said that his proposed "religious front" would be "the right answer to attempts to organize small parties... and fragments of movements whose declared aim is to... neutralize the NRP's influence in the cabinet."

The minister apparently was referring to the Independent Liberal Party, the Citizens Rights Movement and to Prof. Yigael Yadin, who have been critical of the religious establishment. If these parties tipped the balance of power, the NRP would lose much of its influence, observers have noted.

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Yugoslav consul apologizes to marine officers

HAIFA.—Victor Stark, the Yugoslav consul and director of the Yugoslav Shipping Agency, yesterday made a IL2,000 personal donation to the Akim association for the rehabilitation of handicapped children, as a "conciliatory goodwill gesture" to the Marine Officers Union.

The donation, plus a formal apology from Stark, ended an incident in which the captain of a Yugoslav passenger liner, the m.v. Jadenstvo, took his ship out of port Monday evening without a port pilot on board, as required by regulations.

The port pilots, who are union members, were offended by the captain's action. At a meeting with union leaders here yesterday, Stark explained that the captain had been under pressure to maintain his tight cruise schedule. After the consul's apology the union leaders agreed to meet the captain aboard his ship when they return to Haifa and toast the reconciliation with a bottle of slivovitz.

But the port management's legal adviser is still considering whether to take legal action against the ship for violating port regulations.

APPROACH ROADS to four Arab villages have been built by the Public Works Department at a cost of over IL2m. The villages are Uzzur and Ruman, in the Nasaret area, and Ar'ar and Ein a-Saleh in the Little Triangle.



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Extra payments to civil servants upped 143.7%

By AARON SEITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Agreement was reached this week between the Government and the Civil Servants' Union on the latter's demand for bringing wage-increment payments up to date.

"It's an important step forward," Yehuda Levanon, spokesman of the Civil Service Commission, told The Jerusalem Post. "But the real test will come in a few weeks, when we open negotiations on restructuring the grade-promotion schedule."

Civil servants' jobs are pegged to a uniform scale of 20 grades, with each requiring a certain tenure before the worker advances to the next. With basic wages virtually frozen by Histadrut-Government two-year work agreements, the Civil Servants' Union is now pressing for "more rapid promotion across the board" and has filed notice of a labour dispute over the issue.

About 60,000 persons are presently on the civil service rolls, and any benefits granted them are sure to spark demands by tens of thousands

of other workers in the "public sector" — public institutions and local authorities — for similar concessions.

With the Government under pressure to keep spending down, the next round of talks with the Civil Servants' Union is expected to be a tough one.

This week's updating of the wage increments — the first adjustment since April 1972 — will mean a 143.7 per cent increase in the level of these payments, according to Levanon. The higher payments will be paid retroactive to last April 1.

He explained that these extra payments are among those not called by the Barak Committee last year, and include such items as "extra-effort" bonuses for letter carriers, "attitude increments" for Communications Ministry technicians working on telephone poles, "moisture payments" for Agriculture Ministry workers employed in fish ponds, and "outdoor allowances" paid to Public Works Department employees who build roads.

MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ:

'Berlin without more Jews will never be the same'

By SHAY SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — "Berlin without Jews is not what it used to be — or what it should be," Klaus Schuetz, governing mayor of West Berlin, told The Jerusalem Post regrettably in an interview here on Wednesday. Even before the Weimar Republic the Jewish community of Berlin exercised an exciting influence on the city's intellectual and commercial life, he said. "We could do with a somewhat bigger community than the five or six thousand Jews living there today."

Schuetz came to the Negev capital this week to inaugurate a student dormitory at Ben Gurion University made possible by a donation from the city of West Berlin.

The mayor admitted that his desire to see more Jews in Berlin may not be palatable to Zionists. But he points to his positive record on Zionism and Israel. When the Yom Kippur War broke out, the mayor or-



Klaus Schuetz

ganized street demonstrations of Berliners' solidarity with Israel.

"We feel that your state must, at long last, have its existence guaranteed within secure borders," he says. "We shall go on saying it, whether or not it is to everybody's liking. This is not directed against the Arab neighbours of Israel. Germany's relations with the Arabs are traditionally good, but it is equally clear that we Germans stand by Israel."

Mayor Schuetz claims to have found an affinity between Israel and his home town. Like Israel, Berlin is an island of exuberant lights and political wars, dreaming of the past and of the future, accepting today's good and bad as a transient phase, he says. The constant effort of keeping one's head above water while enjoying life gives people with pluck and imagination the stamina to keep going.

Mayor Schuetz first visited Israel in 1969 and again in 1975, the second time to open a library named after the Nobel Prize-winning Hebrew writer S. Y. Agnon at the university here. Berlin, he proudly notes, also helps support the university's department for the spiritual history of Judaism.

'Threw self under train'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A young, unidentified woman was hit by a train in Jerusalem yesterday morning in what police think was a suicide attempt.

The woman, who allegedly threw herself in front of the train at the pedestrian crossing near Rehov Yair in the German Colony, had no identifying marks other than a wedding band. The police said even the labels had been removed from her clothing.

The victim was taken to Shaare Zedek Hospital, where she was immediately operated upon. Last night she was still in critical condition. A hospital spokesman said the woman was of medium height with black hair and brown eyes. He described her appearance as "neglected."

PAYIS. — Number 083760 won the IL500,000 first prize in this week's Mifal Hapayis lottery. Number 056422 won the IL100,000 prize, and 561531 won the IL20,000 prize. All tickets ending in "7" won IL8.



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Slope in foreground overlooking Sha'ar Hagai road has been cleared of Jerusalem pine preparatory to replanting. Cypress trees down slope were unaffected by malady which killed Jerusalem pine. (Mike Goldberg)

Plan to cut down forests 'still alive,' being tested by experts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The highly controversial proposal to cut down a third of the country's natural forests and turn them into grazing land — to save water — is still alive, "although it's being cooked on a very slow burner," The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

When the plan was disclosed by soil conservation experts early last year, it stirred up a storm of protest from conservationist and ecology circles.

The soil experts claimed that thinning out 350,000 dunams of natural forests would save the country 80 million cubic metres of water a year, since grass needs less water than trees and shrubs. This estimate was hotly contested and was

later reduced to 20 million cubic metres.

Following a public discussion of the scheme at the Technion, in March 1975, the Agricultural Ministry appointed a committee of experts, which recommended pilot projects for a practical testing of the issue. A steering committee, comprising water, soil and forestry experts was set up to supervise the pilot schemes.

Budgets were made available this year, and yesterday, The Post learned that a number of small sites in the Kabri Basin in Western Galilee had been selected for the experiment, now under way. The experiments are expected to take "a year or two."

Armoured forces several times bigger since Yom Kippur War

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israel's armoured forces have grown since the Yom Kippur War by several hundred per cent, according to Aluf Moshe Peled. He was briefing military reporters Wednesday as a prelude to Armistice Day, to be held next week.

Peled said, not only had the force undergone a tremendous quantitative change — more so than any other branch of the armed forces — but a qualitative one as well. Training had been adapted



Aluf Moshe Peled

to ensure a higher quality of manpower in the force, and many of the shortcomings which had become apparent during the Yom Kippur War have been eradicated. Aluf Peled would not subscribe to the theory that anti-tank missiles had made the tank obsolete. It was in Israel's interest that any conflict be resolved as quickly as possible. To achieve this, Israel had to possess the ability to reach key enemy targets within a short time — and this was only possible with an effective armoured force capable of penetrating enemy defences, he said.

'Pickpockets' in Old City

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 66-year-old Swedish tourist yesterday complained to the Jerusalem police that her bag had been picked in the Old City. It was the eighth case of pickpocketing reported in the Old City this week.

Azaron Synder told the police that the thief took about IL300 in local and foreign currency as well as travel documents.

The police spokesman said they suspect local youngsters. He said increased efforts were being made to catch the culprits.

cause of malady still unknown Sick Sha'ar Hagai rest to be replanted

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ated by a still-unknown malady, the Sha'ar Hagai forest — to Jerusalem for the past century — has begun to be in order to be planted

hundred dunam of trees killed in the past few years leaving the familiar hills of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem barrier than most Israelis have seen them. The tract replanted with the onset of winter rains.

As the forest which stretches kilometres alongside the Jewish National Fund officials said this week cut-and-replant operation extended to other parts of it if the malady continues

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side of the road. Only 100 dunams of the forest, which constitutes 80 per cent of the Sha'ar Hagai Forest, the replanting will include other pine, but not the Jerusalem pine.

GB renews assessment of unist journal

By SARAH BONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After a lapse of months, the KGB has again been assessing the underground publication "The USSR." Activist Vladimir Vlasov has been detained about his role in the publication, says a source in the USSR.

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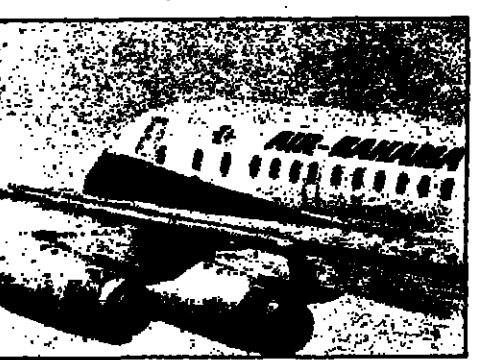


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Bellow as Jew

By DAN VOGEL

AT THE P.E.N. conference in Jerusalem in 1974, Saul Bellow in upon the primacy of the imagination over political expediency and interpretation of history that pre-self-immolation. His address a concretization of a definition he made at the Library of Congress in 1963: "I myself am convinced that there is less hood' in the modern world. He has devoted his imagination

Nobel Prize 'pleases, confuses' Saul Bellow

In the world of his fiction, a localized hero like Augie that in 1948, fighting a private Semiteism in "The Victim." By sight and insight has exploded. In 1953 he gave us a pro hero of an American gene Augie March, questing for self in the urban forest of Chicago, pierced the borders of America the first time in 1950, sending seeker, Henderson, to black to find light in darkness, as Burke, perhaps, to Joseph. Not yet satisfied, Below pierced the borders of time masterpiece, "Erezog," that the false and faddist wisdom ages and of his own time.

It took Bellow quite a while to reconcile himself to the fact that there is no conflict between being a Jewish writer and an American and universal writer.

for a long time to ignore the political identity of the Zionist and the concerned interview after interview. One in "The New York Times Review" of May 9, 1973, expressed his impatience, as classed with Bernard Malamud. Philip Roth as the ruling virate of Jewish literature in fact. Yet in the same year travelled to the Brussels to demonstrate his

Finally, last January, apparently during his visit to Jerusalem, symbolically at the Haim Weizmann House in the Old Bellow announced that he had quailed at being labelled a writer. But that was clear case. It was clear in "Here it was the recollection of

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ennervate that artist's imagination. He admired Israeli artists, he said, survive in a rebout by terrorism (a bomb had a few days before), hate war. We all felt the stirring him of a heritage that goes beyond Montreal and Quebec.

He insisted at the Hazon Conference that nonetheless must listen to the world must never retreat from must agonize over it, for the writer's mission. In the

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Middle-class students hardest hit by tuition pact

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

LE-CLASS students will, "as be hardest hit by the university fee compromise initiated last week by Education Minister Yadin in Tel Aviv last week. Says Gedalyahu Ya'acobi, of part of the compromise — to grant IL700 to students in need, army or volunteer work, etc. The proposed agreement, though disapproved by unions within the national education system, has renewed the pact's job, he is eager to point out setting fees, though he has to say about them in his fighting as adviser to the Education Minister. He is best, however, as head of the year-old planning and budget

unit in the Higher Education Council. The unit is responsible for dividing the pie among the universities, once the Government has determined the size of the dish. He thinks students have overreacted to the leap in tuition fees. True, fees nearly doubled from IL2,700 last year to IL4,333 this year. But even if the students' demand for the old ("Agranat") system of linkage to the cost-of-living had been granted, fees would have been IL4,000. And he insists there is no shortage of aid.

In fact, many grants, loans or exemptions are available. The problem has been channelling the aid in equitable proportions to the pockets and the minds.

Ya'acobi claims that of some IL4,000, to be paid in tuition fees this year, IL2,000 will come from loans and grants. But Uri Turlansky, who processes the figures on grants and

loans in the Higher Education Council, said the sum of loans and scholarships for this year has not yet been determined — and no one knows exactly when the figures will be in, since each institution or scholarship source does the calculation separately. All that can be said at this point is that in 1977-78, roughly 71 per cent of total tuition fees was covered by loans and grants.

Ya'acobi and Turlansky also disagree about the number of students who enjoy reductions or exemptions because they are dependents of university employees. What they do agree on is that many of the partially-deserving get too many desserts, by applying for aid from several sources and not reporting all applications to each.

The most promising prospect for the just distribution of aid is at the moment a bill by MK Nussim Katzav (Alignment), which is awaiting its

third reading in the Knesset. It would require the loan and grant sources to register with a central agency, as a first step. Guidelines to the law, according to Turlansky, could include supervision of those sources, and even standardized criteria of eligibility for all aid from government and public sources. In any case, proper checks on aid are at least two to three years away, Ya'acobi believes.

THE STUDENTS still insist that graduated tuition fees would be the best solution. One of the clauses in last week's initiated agreement provides for a committee to discuss implementing such a system next year. But Ya'acobi thinks the committee is doomed to failure.

The subject always elicits agreement "in principle," he said, but the technical application is impossible. "If you have 50,000 students, you have 50,000 different

situations to take into consideration. Students range in age from 18 to 50, they are married or unmarried, with a number of children, receive aid from parents or help their parents, work part-time, full time, or not at all. Furthermore, in contrast to high school fees, expenses for university students go beyond the cost of courses and books.

But Bergman argued that graduated fees would be no more difficult to enforce than aid administered according to strict criteria. He is aware that fees would increase tremendously for those who can pay.

Meanwhile, the patchwork aid system goes on — supported by the belief that most students report their financial situation accurately. Or, as Ya'acobi said, with a wry smile, "I don't think there are more cheaters at the universities than in the rest of the country."



Haashalom (the Ascent of Peace), the new road on Mount Zion, bridges old Roman road which will serve here as modern underpass. Buildings in Jewish Quarter rise over Old City walls. Ancient remains at foot of wall are incorporated into archaeological park.

New road evokes old memories

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE road was commonplace — a sidewalk, a few rows of trees, the standing at the microphone ring them, behind him the still hidden in wrapping. As with many commonplace in Jerusalem, there were in the crowd aware of the evoked by the place or circumstance.

As the dedication of Maale Zion (Peace Ascent) Road on the slope of Mount Zion last day, Amikam Yaffe stood at the head of the crowd recalling road opening on the same day years before. The Six Day War just ended and Mayor Tedek had called in Yaffe, then engineer, to ask for a road from the top of Mount Zion to the Western Wall to which Israeli still did not have access.

He of civilians through the in which armed Jordanians were hidden, was considered too us. But the crest of Mount Zion for 19 years between Jordan, was strewn with debris of mines. Army engineers led on to open a path through fields. Passing through to Jordanian army camp with tombstones from the cemetery on the Mount of crosses the valley.

Men created an instant pouring asphalt on the without preparing any base. Over slope, this path linked existing road from St. Peter's Church to Dung Gate. Not, just two weeks after the war, 200,000 Israelis made by over this route to the

Western Wall, in one of the most joyous pilgrimages Jerusalem has ever seen.

In order to reach the crest from the Israeli (west) side of the hill, the pilgrims had climbed a road built four years before on the occasion of Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land. The Pope's Road, as it came to be called, permitted him to be driven to the crest of the hill to pray in the Dormition Church and the traditional site of the Last Supper. Since it was built on the border and had military implications, the road's construction required approval from the Jordanians under the existing armistice and this was obtained through the UN Mixed Armistice Commission.

The road built by Jaffe in 1967, known as the Gallicantos Road, was improved in order to carry vehicular traffic. Its narrow, winding nature, however, made it suitable only for one-way traffic. The land it crossed was the property of the Assumptionist Fathers who had permitted its use on the understanding that the road was only temporary. But for eight years, the road was to carry traffic from the Western Wall and Dung Gate to West Jerusalem. In order to relieve traffic congestion inside the walled city by providing an alternative access to the Western Wall — and in order to return the Assumptionist land — the Municipality five years ago began constructing Maale Haashalom Road.

BUT WHERE the visit of the Pope had provided a road link to the west, a road built by other Romans 13 centuries before threatened to block Maale Haashalom Road to the east. Near the new road's junction with Dung Gate, workers encountered a 17-metre-wide paved Roman road. For two and a half years, the new

road hung in the air while archaeologists and roadbuilders argued over who had the right of way. At times, the idea was mooted of dropping the new road altogether. In the end, a compromise was arrived at: to have the new road span the Roman road. The latter was crimped along the edges for a short stretch but its 70-metre length was left unbroken.

The Roman road was incorporated as a functioning footpath into the archaeological park being developed between the new road and the Old City wall by the Municipality and the Jerusalem Foundation.

Archaeologist Meir Ben-Dov, who directed the excavations, uncovered a series of towers marking the southern city wall during the Crusader period and earlier. One tower, 25 metres from Dung Gate, is known from ancient maps as the Tanneries Tower. It served as a postern gate for tanners whose workshops adjoined the Crusader castle market located on what is today the approaches to the Western Wall. Ben-Dov also found an aspe of the famed Sixth Century Nea Church as well as basements and mikvot of Jewish homes from the Second Temple period.

The park being developed around these finds is designed by Jerusalem landscape architect Shlomo Aronson. Pedestrians will be able to follow footpaths from Zion Gate to Dung Gate outside the city wall. There is to be considerable planting to offset the present starkness of the exposed stones. The archaeological finds, presently indescribable to a layman, will be described on signs.

The area outside Dung Gate is to be landscaped — parking is to be shifted downhill — and there have been suggestions that the gate itself be redesigned in keeping with its new importance as a major entry point into the Old City. The gate's earthy name and humble appearance belie its importance to the most widely accepted theory, from its location in the lowest part of the walled city and its consequent use by people dumping refuse in the valley outside. Although its appearance may be changing, there have been no suggestions yet that its name be changed.

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

THE TIGHTROPE

NO FICTIONAL adventure of Kojak or the Cambridge prize-seekers could possibly be as gripping as the Yadin Affair. Night after night it has dominated our screens with new developments unfolding with the speed of a well-directed thriller. And it has stimulated a wide variety of almost simultaneous reactions — anger, compassion, exasperation, pity.

Israel Television did an excellent job, handling one of the hottest potatoes in our history firmly, tactfully and honestly, both in the news and in the "Behind the Headlines" feature programme. We have never had anything like this, although of course we have had all too many scandals for our comfort: this one was given added dimension because of the drama introduced through the deadline for the appointment of a new Governor for the Bank of Israel. The previous scandals did not have this time element, nor the factor of whether a man suspected of committing offences can be considered for one of the country's key economic posts.

Two issues of vital importance to the public and the media were well covered in Haim Gil's "Behind the Headlines." Yadin complains that he has been pre-judged and found guilty by the media, long before he gets his day in court. Is this correct?

This question is one that has arisen frequently in Israel, where editors are not deterred from publication of damaging stories by the possibility of being sued for defamation of character. As Israel has no jury system, and our judges and magistrates are considered to be strong enough to resist the influence of pre-trial publicity in making their judgments, action is seldom taken to restrain the enthusiasm of journalists.

While an over-reliance on pre-trial judgments by the media in respect of private people, different considerations arise in regard to holders of high public office, or aspirants to such office. Here the public obviously has a right to know. Nobody can contend that the private life of a potential governor of the Bank of Israel is entirely his own concern until a court has found him guilty. The post is one of the most sensitive in the country.

On balance, it would seem that aspirants to high public office should be, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. At least they should learn the lesson, as Abe Lincoln didn't say, not to change mistresses in midstream. Hell hath no fury, and the police no better informer, than a woman scorned.

It was easy to understand the agency of Yadin's friends in the Cabinet, when they tried to fend off a decision to reject his candidacy for the governorship of the bank on the ground that this would be tantamount to finding him guilty, a breach of the presumption of innocence. But they were obviously only playing for time. It is unthinkable that a man suspected of

committing economic offences could be appointed governor of our central bank. After all, policemen and customs officials are suspended for the duration of a case if they are charged with crimes; it is far easier not to appoint somebody than to suspend him. Yadin was ill-advised when he refused to withdraw his candidacy, claiming that this would be an admission of guilt — of course it would not, it would only have been an admission that he was under suspicion. As it was, he put his friends on the spot.

Television House must be congratulated on the way it handled the issue with honesty, excitement, and tact.

THE LAST programme of "That's My Secret" was a melancholy occasion: weekly appearances have not dimmed Uri Zohar's boisterous humour or the uncanny insights of the leading members of his panel, Nathan Dunewitz, Bella Almog, and Moshe Rom. Uri told us that he has received thousands of letters of support and regret. It is still not clear why the assassination took place: the official explanation of lack of budget is patently unacceptable. It is hard to envisage a cheaper format for any programme.

But why was it killed? It was completely innocuous: unlike Nikus Zosh, it never mocked members of the Establishment, or Rabbi Levinger, or the principles of Judaism, or the Ingathering of the Exiles. All the people who appeared on it were unfailingly patriotic and well-behaved, they never expressed any pro-Arab or pacifist or agnostic views. So why, oh why, oh why deprive us of our Tuesday night's indigenous entertainment?

Somebody said once that nothing is as dead as yesterday's newspaper: the same principle applies even to television. The medium is so omnivorous that it devours everything and clamours for more: its devotees are so hooked that they watch whatever they are given, without looking back at what they have lost. With difficulty I recall those entertainments of Ralph Inbar, who used a playful camera so effectively. Then at one time we had regular Hebrew dramas. There was that serial about the couple who left the kibbutz, Nikus Zosh and his predecessor, what was its name again?

Looking through the programme for the nights to come, I see little imaginative home-grown fare: youth programmes, Morasha, and that's it. A dismal outlook for lovers of Israeli culture.

WE PARTED this week also from some foreign friends, Kojak and the Waltons. Some of us have seen Kojak's replacement, Rockford, before, on Jordan, and he is quite good, but he will find it very hard to replace the one and only Kojak. Although the last episode was a rather stupid one, up till the end Kojak produced some great wisecracks.

The Waltons were a sentimental but attractive bunch: even when Johnboy was lying on the sugar in great gobs, we were completely captivated. I would say that we will miss the family, but of course we won't, for the reason I have already indicated about Uri Zohar. Who has time to wonder what became of Ironside and Steve and that marvellous blonde ghost and the Foraytes and so on and so on and so on?

Uri Zohar's programme ended with a bang, Mordcheai Lebowitz, the wedding photographer in Ashkelon, they have a wonderful custom: at sunset brides and grooms go with their photographers to the Antiquities Park, and are photographed posing on the mighty relics of Herod's greatness, or against the background of the red sun dipping into the ocean. I mention this as a tip to Mr. Lebowitz.



Uri Zohar

IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat-Haim

Early riser feels out of place in England

ONE OF THE characteristics which distinguishes Israeli visitors from their English hosts is their apparently ineradicable habit of getting up early.

Family and friends with whom I stayed in England were always disconcerted to hear me wandering around the house at what seemed to them the crack of dawn, but which was in fact, my usual rising time. Even the unexpected blue skies and unaccustomed sun could not tempt any of the people I know out of their beds at what, by our standards, is a reasonable hour. My reproaches about wasting the best part of the day met only negative responses.

before time would be considered a very bad example.

It was difficult to accept the empty streets and shuttered stores at a time when all Israel is abuzz. Only the news agent was open and not inclined to be chatty. Sounds of industry came from the Post Office, public, even the bakery was not ready for business until after nine o'clock. A policeman cycling breakfast rolls and advised me that I would have a long wait. He watched me go back the way I had come and was still there, quietly alert, when I turned the corner. Obviously anyone hanging round unoccupied premises before respectable people are awake must be up to no good.

The consequence of this belated start is that the peak of productivity comes when I am just beginning to drop. The sista, that life-saving invigorating and civilized custom is not encouraged. That is not to say that it is not indulged in. Everybody who can, after lunch, gets to an easy chair, an unoccupied park bench or even an uncluttered desk and snatches a little nap, referred to un-

der various euphemisms: forty winks, a meditation period, a glance at the paper. This enables everybody to be shocked at my frank and innocent announcement, as soon as we have finished lunch, that I am going to lie down. It is taken as a further example of how far I have departed from the norm. It is considered at best to be rather odd and at worst, as positively discourteous. I was as apologetic as I could manage and explained that to fall asleep in company would be even more impolite. Everyone smiled and said they understood but the word "decadent" hovered in the air to be pronounced only after I had retired.

The difference in our working and sleeping arrangements meant that I saw a lot less of my people than I had wished. After the first few protests, I refrained from telephoning my friends before eight a.m. In England this is only done to one's enemies. To further our connections, I invited everyone to come and stay with us in Nahariya, where no matter how strenuously they enjoy themselves, they will be able to rest and recuperate between two and four.



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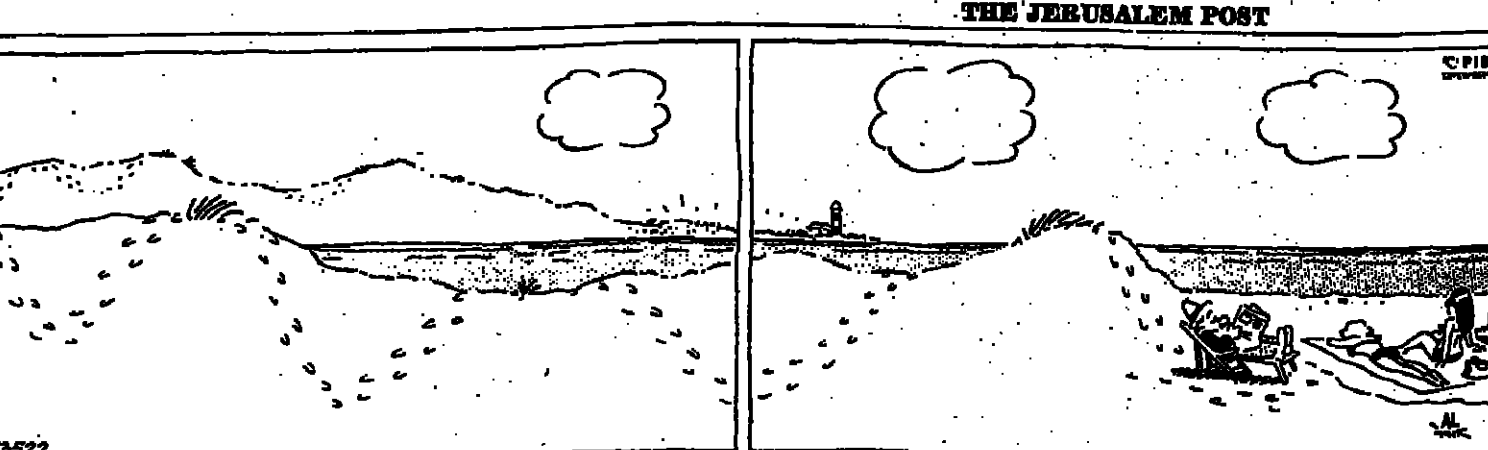
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The wedding extravaganza — a fact of Israeli life today

By DIANA LERNER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

A change of status from single to married entitles a man to a monthly income tax deduction linked to the C-o-L index (providing his wife does not work) for the rest of his life. But getting under the haps (wedding canopy) with all the trimmings may set him back more than 50 times the deduction.

Weddings are big business in modern Israel. In a 400-metre stretch on Rehov Ben Yehuda in Tel Aviv, you will find the Shvat Zion synagogue, two wedding halls, five photo studios, four florists, six beauty salons, a bridal gown rental place and on any day of the week, after the Fast of Tisha Be'Av, three or four taxis— all catering to a flourishing wedding industry. These agencies supply direct or indirect services to an event that costs an average of IL40,000 and up for about 400 guests.

It's the extras that drive up costs: from dressing the family to providing transportation for guests and a myriad of other details all along the way. Of course, a small, silent minority still chooses a ceremony at the rabbinic offices, which entails little more than a nominal fee for the officiating rabbi, (at a private wedding the rabbi gets IL250-400) plus a wedding stamp, which costs IL250, and the cost of some light refreshments.

Rear windows in sedan delivery vans now approved by customs

those of passenger cars. In the past, the drivers of the delivery vans have been complaining that the lack of rear side windows made it more dangerous for them to drive—especially to back up. Many drivers have been installing windows, despite the fact that this was against the law. The job takes less than an hour and many garages openly advertised that they made the change.

Municipal employees organize

manpower was urgently needed to fill the rapidly thinning ranks of municipal officials, many of whom are about to retire. In the battle for the improvement of the quality of life, you are in the front lines; this may mean earning less than in business or industry, he said.

of the family, but if they have to rent a car, the cost is about IL250 a day. Door-to-door service in a Rolls-Royce costs IL400. A wedding ring may cost IL5,000, but need not be that expensive. The honeymoon trip, often to Eilat, Netanya or Nahariya, or to a good hotel, may come to IL3,000 or thereabouts. That is unless, as one wedding guest remarked recently, "for my IL70 present, they are going on a trip to Europe." In that case the honeymoon may cost closer to IL20,000.

Consider the bride. A ready-made wedding gown or one made-to-order complete with hat, veil, and train, comes to anywhere from IL500 to IL4,000. Most brides rent theirs just for the wedding for IL1,000 to IL2,000, the latter for a brand-new gown, never before worn, but returned immediately after the event. Shoes today range in price from IL250 to IL700. A groom may spend over IL1,000 for a suit, shoes, tie and belt; the two sets of parents may average a total of IL3,000 for their wedding outfits. Add another IL1,000 for brothers, sisters and dress accessories — the total may come to something like IL7,000.

Retirement homes

HAIFA — The cornerstones for two new old age homes, being built in Haifa and Herzliya by the Jewish Immigrants Association at a cost of IL10m, each, were laid yesterday.

New centre on H.U. agriculture campus

This year 50 more first-year students of agriculture have been admitted to the Hebrew University than last year. It was announced yesterday by Prof. Isaac Harpaz, dean of the faculty of agriculture in Rehovot at the dedication of the Kennedy Leigh Centre for Teaching and Research. The increase was made possible by the new centre, he said.

Appointments

The appointment was announced yesterday of Dr. Yair Kadishay, deputy director-general of Bank Leumi, as director of the bank's enlarged marketing department (which from now on will consist of its publication branch), and Yoram Etzioni, a veteran employee, as head of the bank's advertising department.

THE COMMERCE and Industry Ministry will build a 3,000 square metre industrial park in the new Golan urban centre, Katamon.

Shadow in the Pentagon

THE CONTROVERSY stirred in the United States by the remarks of General George Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been amplified by the presidential election campaign. For at a time when both candidates are actively seeking to woo Jewish voters, the General's reference to Israel in an interview as a "burden" has embarrassed President Ford. No matter that the interview itself took place in April, and for some strange reason has only been made public now.

Mr. Ford perhaps felt he had no alternative but to try to rescue the general from his critics. But the President's statement Wednesday that Israel was not a burden now, but was a burden in 1973, is itself a curious way of characterizing America's relation to Israel. Surely the process of halting Soviet-made tanks on the Golan and in Sinai in 1973 merits a more fitting description than that in American and Western strategic thought.

The incident could be dismissed as mere verbal fumbling were it not for the insistent reports that the Pentagon does in fact house a school of thought that has become enamoured with Arab oil, money and manpower.

Focusing solely on material equations, this school tends to resist the traditional American commitment to Israel. It is, of course, a line of thought that dates back all the way to the Pentagon of James Forrestal. It is also a policy view that U.S. administrations, from President Truman on, have never accepted, that Israel by virtue of its own blood and guts and ingenuity has constantly disproved, and that the American people as a whole have never held.

Mr. Ford, both as President and as a Congressman, never accepted it either, and it is unfortunate that its shadow — however dimly — should have been cast upon him now.

A matter of confidence

THERE IS A WIDESPREAD apprehension that the Government may one day decide to reduce the yield of indexed bonds currently in circulation, whether by declaring a moratorium for a year or more, or by substituting a partial linkage, or in some other way.

The idea sounds nonsensical, not because governments never do anything illegal (they can, after all, change the law), but because a government does not do illegal things that are manifestly against its own interests.

The State of Israel is saddled with a heavy debt burden, and there are many possible ways of reducing it, or at least of preventing it from growing further. Interference with the linkage provision of bonds already held would, however, strike a blow at the State's credibility as a borrower, from which it could not recover; and it would contribute very little to solving the particular problem with which we are concerned.

Much has been made of the fact that debt service is going to eat up IL30b. of revenue next year. Over a third of that is foreign debt, which has nothing to do with linkage. Payments on account of the internal debt include IL5b. which are little more than book-keeping transactions (debts to the National Insurance Institute — which is still in credit with the Treasury — to the Bank of Israel, etc.). Another IL2.5b. is compulsory loans, and IL8b. or IL9b. is bonds held by benefit and pension funds, and saving accounts.

It is not reasonable to interfere with the yield of these securities. Their purchasers were compelled to buy them (pension funds are obliged to invest 90 per cent of their money as the Government directs). The pension and saving schemes are committed to providing certain benefits. They will be unable to honour this liability if full indexation is not maintained.

What is left? Out of the IL18.5b. due to figure in the budget's debt-service columns next year, perhaps IL2b. or IL3b. relates to the ordinary market of private persons and business firms who buy debentures at their own initiative.

The reason why the debt burden is getting to be so big is not only that the Treasury owes too much on its borrowings, but that it receives too little on its lendings. And the most important reason for that is the new practice (since the Yom Kippur War, and the huge subsequent expenditures on defence) of using borrowed funds to finance the Government's current expenditure. Over half the money raised by the authorities on the bond market is not loaned, linked or unlinked — but spent.

The remedy is to borrow less, to spend less, to tax more, to stop subsidizing credit — but not, on any account, to default on contractual obligations. The Treasury has never done that. It does not need to; and Finance Minister Rabinowitz may be believed when he declares that it has no intention of doing it in the future either.

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Arab summit in Cairo

DAVAT (Hizdru) says that should the Arab summit in Cairo next week result in an improvement in the position of the PLO the result may be a deterioration of the situation on Israel's northern border and may jeopardize all the achievements of the "good fence" policy. Israel must be prepared for the possibility of an end to, or a significant resumption in, the civil war in Lebanon, with all that this entails.

Dr. Kissinger has often stated that when the elections are over and the Lebanon issue is resolved, a new political initiative will be launched which will mean in effect a far-reaching Israeli withdrawal from the administered territories. The expectation that soon it will be possible to renew pressure on Israel may be one of the factors impelling the Arab

leaders to an attempt at reconciliation. AL HAMREMAE (Mapam) says that it would appear that Syria came out the loser at Riyadh, because it was Syria which demanded the immediate removal of Arafat from the leadership of the PLO, and which was adamantly opposed to any resolution calling for its army to leave Lebanon.

In actual fact, Syria has not relinquished the position it gained in Lebanon, and the resolution regarding the creation of a pan-Arab force constitutes an imprimatur after the fact to Syria's military presence in Lebanon. Moreover, even though the PLO has been given permission to operate against Israel via the Fatahland, it is Syria which now controls this area in actual fact.

On the other hand, one must not disregard the fact that at Riyadh an attempt was made to re-establish Arab unity, and that a signed agreement among the Arab states was the result. HAAREZ (Independent) discusses the secession of the Free Centre, headed by Shmuel Tamir, from the Likud. The reason that the "marriage" between the two groups did not go off well lay mainly in the constant tension that prevailed between Mr. Tamir and Likud leader Menachem Begin. The latter never forgave Mr. Tamir for his (presumed) attempt to have him replaced, and Mr. Tamir for his part has always had far-reaching political ambitions.

Was it really a gaffe?

CAN DISAFFECTED Eastern-bloc emigrant groups be employed as a political force against the USSR and its satellites?

The recent words and actions of a detente-bent West seem to suggest a negative response to this question. But Russia's exploitation of similar groups of emigrants and political exiles from the West to serve her own interests should have indicated far happier possibilities for beleaguered freedom-lovers everywhere.

Such emigrants, for example, played an enormous role in the Baltic states at the end of World War II. Unable to find sufficient pro-Stalinist collaborationists on the spot, Stalin decided to free all the Lithuanian, Latvian, and Estonian Communist emigrants who had survived the purges of 1938-38 in the "Gulag archipelago," and used them to foster Russian designs in their native areas.

Also generally known is the successful exploitation by Moscow of emigrants from Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, and Germany in imposing its rule upon these countries. A report recently issued by a former member of the Bulgarian Communist Party's central committee, Peter Semerjeev, who now lives with his Jewish wife in Jerusalem, is of interest here.

It describes the techniques involved in injecting a small group of Bulgarian emigrants, who had spent several years in the USSR, into that country as the new ruling clique, and the consequent liquidation of the indigenous Communist leadership.

Small groups of exiles from countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America are employed by Moscow to serve as bridgeheads in a massive infiltration of the Third World. Soviet propaganda depicts them as the sole genuine representatives of their respective countries, and

Despite his apology, President Ford's recent assertion that the Soviet Union does not dominate the countries of Eastern Europe was not a 'slip' at all. For if Ford acknowledged the potential effectiveness of resistance to this domination by Moscow, it would imply that detente is not such a sound policy, writes MIKHAIL AGURSKY.

lavish funds from Moscow make it easier for these ex-emigrants to attract local support. In Angola and Mozambique, Moscow has succeeded in pushing these elements into power.

ENTIRELY DIFFERENT is the situation with regard to emigrants from Communist and other totalitarian states, of whom there are millions throughout the West. By and large these are not simply emigrants, but refugees or political exiles. They come from Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Russia. Unlike the pro-Communist émigrés, they are split up into different political groupings, publish a diversity of newspapers and, owing to their democratic philosophy, do not constitute a united front.

The furor aroused by President Ford's gaffe in his second TV debate with Jimmy Carter indicates that the anti-Communist groups in the free world, despite their internal disunity, may develop into a powerful pressure group.

Ford asserted in the debate that the USSR does not dominate Eastern Europe. After strong protests, he told anti-Communist leaders a few days later that he had

not expressed himself clearly. "The countries of Eastern Europe are of course dominated by the Soviet Union," he now said. "The U.S. never will recognize, accept, or acquiesce in the Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."

It would appear, however, that Ford's "slip" was not a slip at all. His words reveal a well-concealed tendency to underestimate the potential of any struggle against Communist domination in Eastern Europe and in the USSR itself. To acknowledge the potential effectiveness of resistance to this Communist domination would imply that such resistance is an alternative to the policy of appeasement that is called "detente."

IT IS PRECISELY this "detente," however, that is the cornerstone of Republican Administration. And belittling the prospects of the opposition to totalitarianism serves to justify the soundness of "detente."

This explains, incidentally, President Ford's refusal to invite Alexander Solzhenitsyn to the White House. It was not so much the fear of a negative Soviet reaction to such an invitation that motivated Ford and Kissinger, as the encouragement such a step might have given to the opposition inside Russia and in other



Ford and Brezhnev at Helsinki. In background are Gromyko, Andropov, and others.

Communist countries. And that could be construed as a challenge to detente.

There is another, equally fallacious trend among detente ideologists. This expresses itself in the belief in a "socialist opposition" to Soviet-backed rule. What Western minds apparently do not comprehend is that opposition of this sort simply cannot be expected from persons and groups who have themselves been nurtured on left-wing slogans. In addition, the people in the countries concerned are weary of socialist phraseology. In Communist-dominated countries, socialist "values" and socialist jargon are both equated in people's minds with the very totalitarian regimes they oppose.

But Western detente enthusiasts persist in their eagerness to persuade themselves of the opposite. Which explains why their favourite here inside the USSR is Roy Medvedev who, in fact, represents but an infinitesimal minority among the lower-echelon Soviet establishment, and which is attempting to walk the tight-rope of reform, while preventing any violent upheavals in the present political structure.

On the other hand, the detente-minded in the West have persistently belittled the significance of the opposition inside Russia and in other

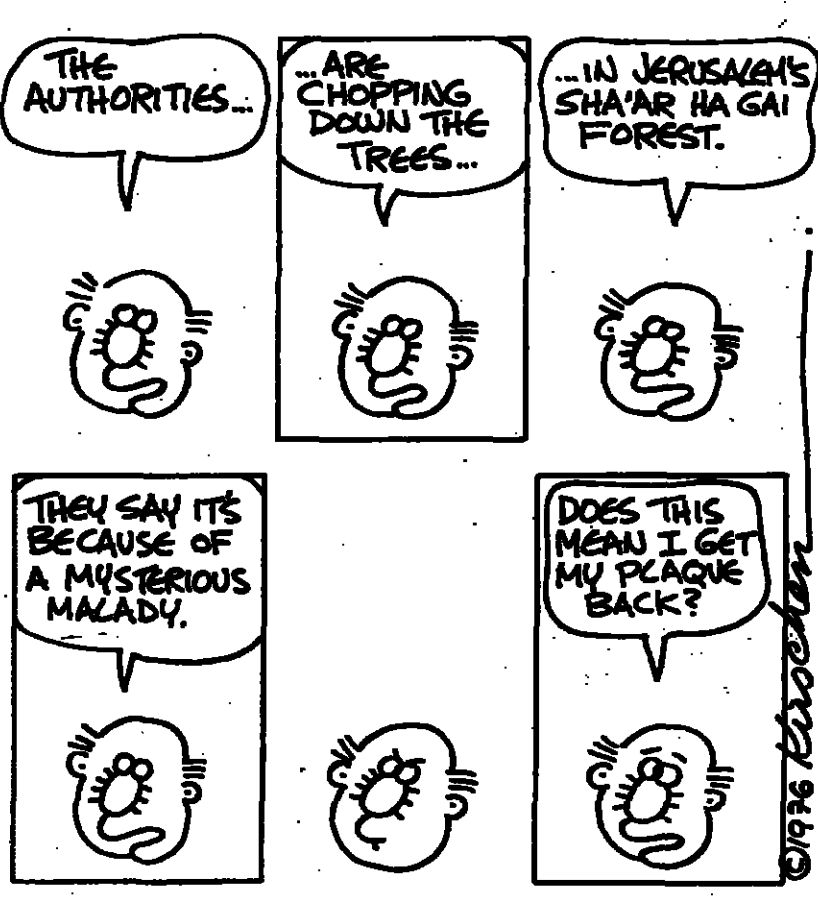
and of a high-level organ like "Pravda," published by emigrant intellectuals. For their anti-Sovietivity contradicts the picture by the detente politicians of a system unchallenged poll from within.

TO UNDERESTIMATE the significance of the opposition in the emigration from Communist lands is a political error of magnitude. And now, after successful defection to the Soviet pilots, it should be evident that the struggle against totalitarianism is not a mutiny by a handful of intellectuals, but a movement reaching down to the strata of the population.

If others have doubt, Soviet do not. To Communist blackmail governments into the political activities of the dissidents: wherever possible, Russians whip up internal dissent among the various groups, spreading of false rumours, use of agents provocateurs, and weapons used in this way.

Will the next occupant of the White House comprehend that "detente" is a policy that is utterly and totally support within reasonable limits the opposition in Communist countries is a sound alternative?

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN FORUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With the opening of the academic year, the Student Christian Forum would be most grateful for the use of your columns to inform Christian students resident in Jerusalem of the assistance and activities of the group.

Our basic aim is to help Christian students to make the most of their stay in Israel by becoming oriented to and involved in the religious, political and social situation existing in Jerusalem and Israel. For this purpose, we organize lectures, discussions, symposia, trips to various parts of the country and encounters with other groups.

An introductory meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27 at 2.30 p.m. at Christ Church, just inside Jaffa Gate in the Old City. After a

short introduction, Dr. John Tiele will take us on a tour through the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, which includes visits to some old churches and a walk on the roof of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We warmly invite all Christian students to participate in this introductory meeting and to learn more of our activities. Christian students from Tel Aviv are also most welcome to join us.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned, at Derech Rishonim 20, Ramat Hasharon (phone 03-478978); or the office of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity, P.O. Box 249, Jerusalem (phone 02-663081).

REV. DR. HANS BOERTJENS, Secretary, Student Christian Forum Jerusalem.

NIGHTMARE EXPERIENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On the eve of Yom Kippur, my son, on doctors' orders, was rushed to Meir Hospital in Kiryat Saba for an emergency examination that might have resulted in surgery. It was about 11 noon and the doctor there refused to examine my son because, he said, Meir Hospital was not on duty. Only patients whose life was in immediate danger were to be taken care of. He said that, since our son was still living, we had to take him to Hadassah Hospital. We raced to Hadassah Hospital and there, at about 2 p.m., it was decided that surgery had to be performed that same day.

For various reasons, surgery was completed at 7.30 p.m. Yom Kippur eve. I asked to sleep over with my son, but because of hospital rules, I could not stay with him; still, we were offered chairs on which we could sit overnight at the hospital. Because we considered this too much of an ordeal for my young-old daughter, we left for our house in Herzliya.

We drove home, following the shortest route, which was the main Haifa-Tel Aviv highway. There, on this main road, near Givat Olga, our car was suddenly stopped reluctantly by people wishing us at the same time "Hatzma Tova!" In my anguish to explain why we were driving the

evening of Yom Kippur, I opened the window and yelled to the people that we had taken our son for an emergency operation. A stone hit me on my head and caused me injury to my forehead and eye. My husband stopped the car to take care of me and my daughter who was screaming from fright.

The police arrived quickly and led us back to Hadassah Hospital. There I was treated for my head wound and my emotional state. My daughter and I were given beds to sleep in, but my husband had to sleep in our car.

GILA GERSON Herzliya.

THE REAL TRAGEDY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The destruction of religious objects, which can be replaced with new parchment, ink and human endeavour, and as it may be with its overtones of a "pogrom," is not an appalling tragedy, as described in the burial notice of these objects.

The death or permanent disablement of our sons, brothers and husbands in a conflagration that may well be ignited by the primitive religious fanaticism of Rabbi Levinger and his minions, that would be an appalling tragedy.

E.M. MENDEL Tel Aviv.

The revolt: 20 years later / Charles Fenyvesi

Blissful times in Budapest

THE TIME WILL COME when the 1970s will be nostalgically recalled here as another "happy time of peace," such as that around the turn of the century that inspired the most successful operettas of Hungary and Austria.

Twenty years after a lost revolution (the Hungarian revolt came on October 23, 1956, and 21 years after a lost war, this is a period which encourages reconciliation — or at least a weary cease-fire. The notion of letting bygones be bygones has brought together Communists and erstwhile aristocrats, Jews and Right-wingers of pre-war vintage, those who spent time in jail for their role in the 1956 uprising and those who imposed Communism on Hungary in the early 1950s.

There is prosperity, and what is more, expectation of more prosperity. Gone are days when Hungarians ate meat once a week, when they owned two suits and when the middle class depended on packages from relatives abroad. There are tens of thousands of Hungarians — party men and private entrepreneurs, soccer stars and gynecologists — who are well off by West European standards. They own up to half-a-dozen tailor-made suits, visit Western Europe at least every three years, and perhaps own a cottage on the shore of Lake Balaton. Hungary's version of the South of France.

There are no more 3 a.m. calls by the secret police. Officers of the once-dreaded AVH nowadays invite people for interviews, and the tone is usually courteous. Files are maintained, and there is a careful watch on real and potential dissenters from the right and the left (the latter are seen as more dangerous), on practicing Catholics and Jews with a sense of Jewish identity (with the latter meriting extra attention these past few years), on those who cultivate Western diplomats assigned to Hungary, as well as un-reconstructed Stalinists who

organize excursions into the hills of Buda (a favourite pastime of the old underground party). The AVH officers of the 1950s have been replaced — cashiered or shifted into other jobs. Until his retirement a few years ago, General Gabor Peter — AVH's first and most feared boss, jailed in the 1950s as a Zionist spy, worked as a bookkeeper in a small Budapest publishing house.

The *Gemutlichkeit* the regime encourages recalls the monarchy which also had to deal with the spirit (and not just the armies) of 1848. Let us bury the hatchet, the regime says, let us avoid the excesses of previous governments. The regime has kept its pledge, made in the early 1960s: no more crusades or purges in the name of this or that ideology, no more executions, no more deportations.

After close to three decades of its rule, the Hungarian Party puts top priority on "learning to live with one another" — to coexist effectively with the non-Communist majority.

Not even intellectuals like to talk about 1956, or the Czechoslovak events of 1968. But it is widely acknowledged that the political and economic improvements of the past 15 years could not have come about had it not been for the explosion of October 23, 1956 which frightened the Russians. And Hungarians are confident that the Russians will continue to tolerate the current liberal course which permits more private enterprise and more personal freedom to Hungarians than to any other East European country.

Just as Hungarians ascribe post-revolutionary normalcy to the enigmatic former locksmith Janos Kadar, installed as the head of a puppet government on November 4, 1956, they believe that there might not have been a revolution had it not been for Matyas Rakosi, the most sophisticated among the so-called "Little Stalinists" who served as Moscow's procurators in Eastern Europe. Kadar's motives and objec-

tives are subject to debate, believe that he is the, on Hungarian statesman of a predated over by stooges of powers and by incurable row others insist that he is the idealist Communist. But the agreement on Rakosi, with the AVH, was the Stalinist, an intellectual, to the proposition that only blood and fire could emerge victorious. He emerged blood and fire, and he believed only he was capable of Communism on abstract Hungary.

Rakosi's departure — rate the 20th Congress of the Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin — was the beginning of a thaw that began, to the day he died, years ago, in exile in Soviet Asia — Rakosi maintained revolution would not have to and the party would not have collapsed had he stayed in.

He was probably right: about power he wielded was a vast elaborate network of former, agents provocateurs, hatchet-men. The system allow no concession; it was not by an all-pervasive fear victim could be anybody, least of all the secret police officer in the previous purge. No one feel secure. But the system as long as the man on the spiral terror. Without Rakosi, the structure built by the first attack of the party itself was split into "Hungarians" and "Lackies." The men of the police ran for their life money — workers and the army sidekick — had students and the intellectual of the way. The Emperor turned aped. As if by a magic what seemed evil aped was broken. Or so it seemed.

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